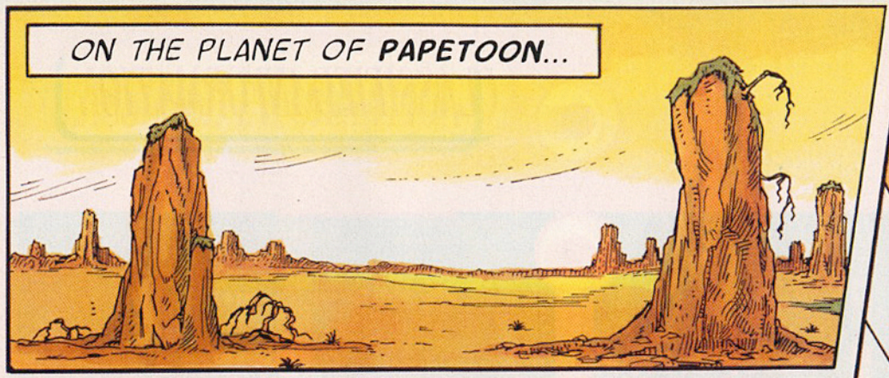

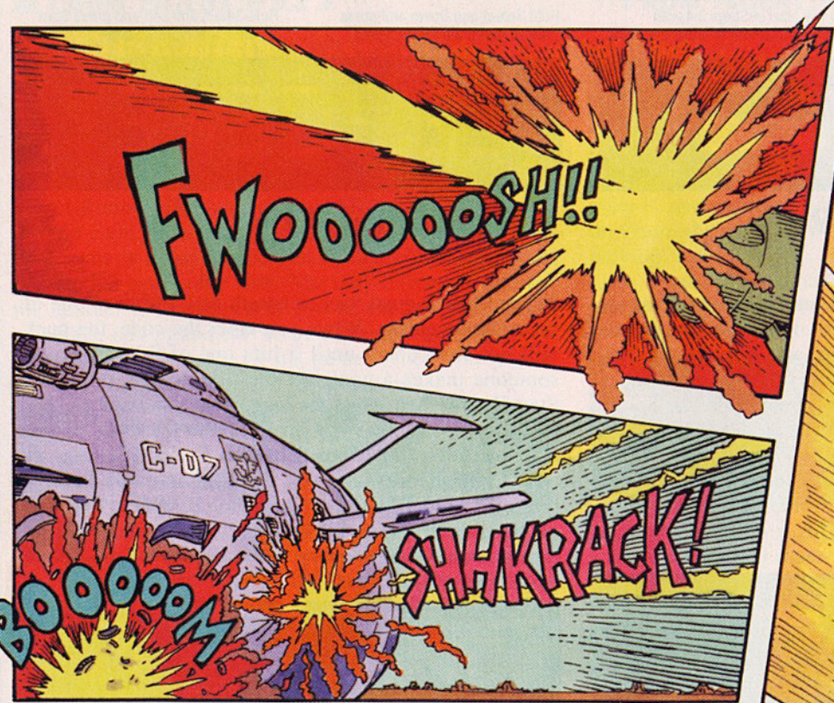

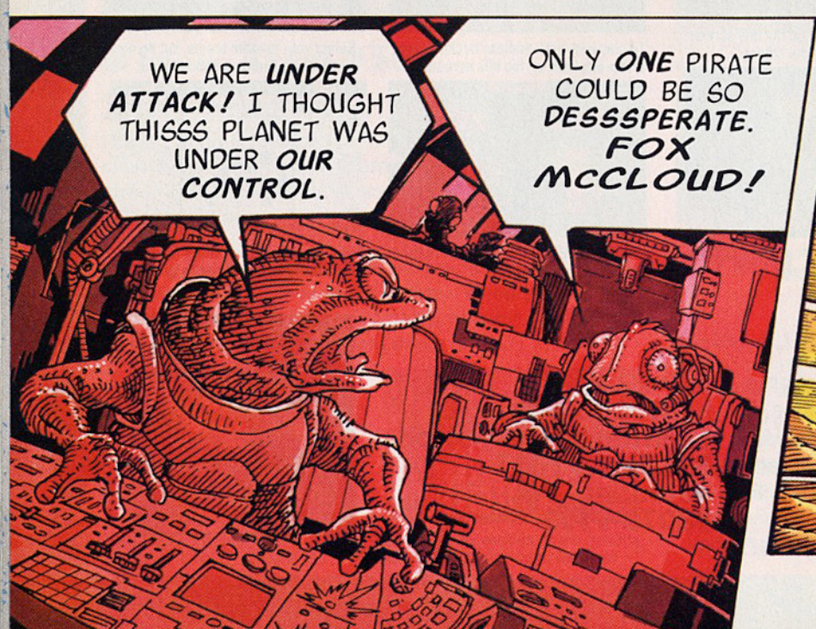

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KA-BOOOOOM

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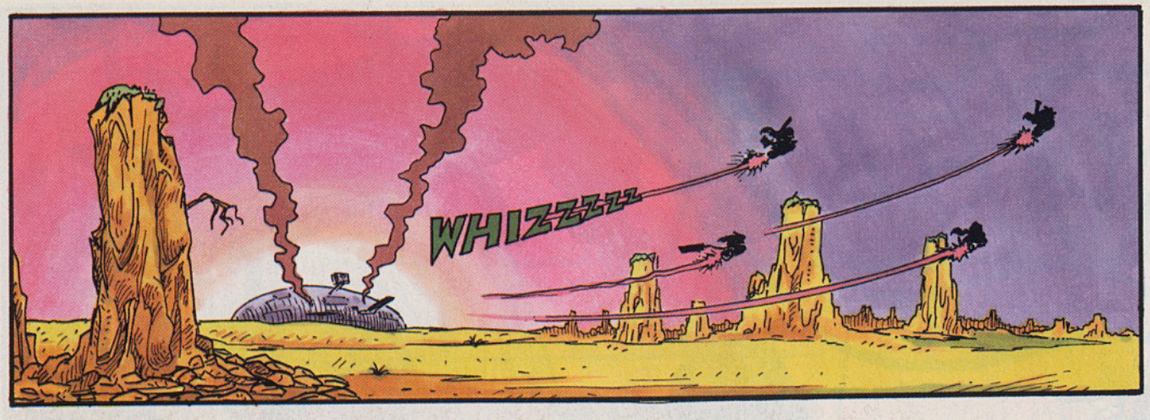
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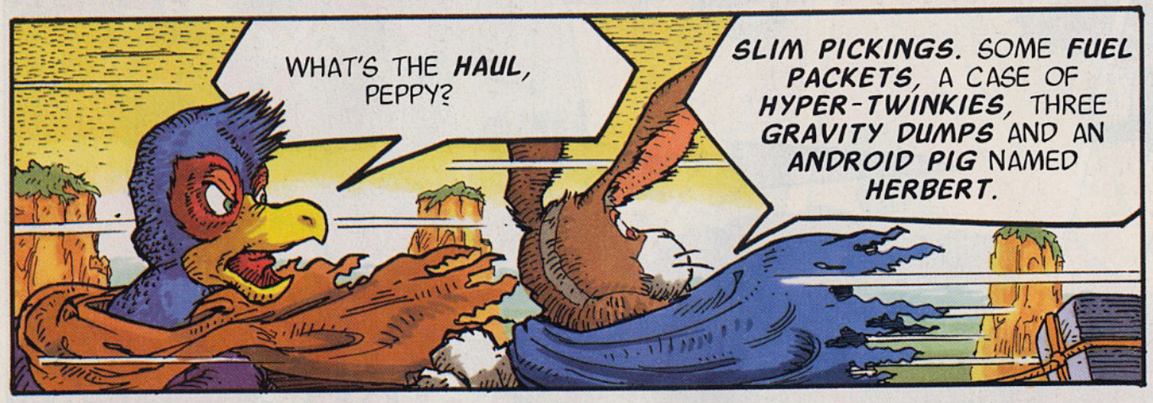
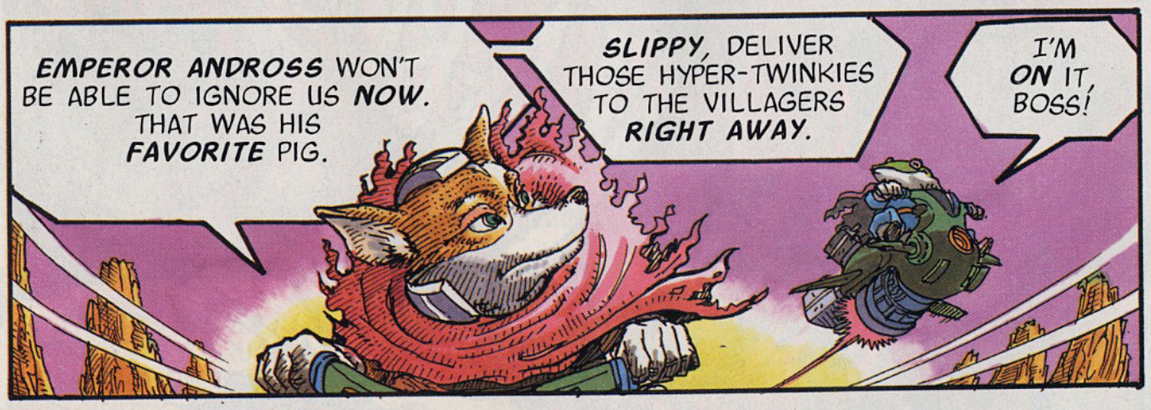
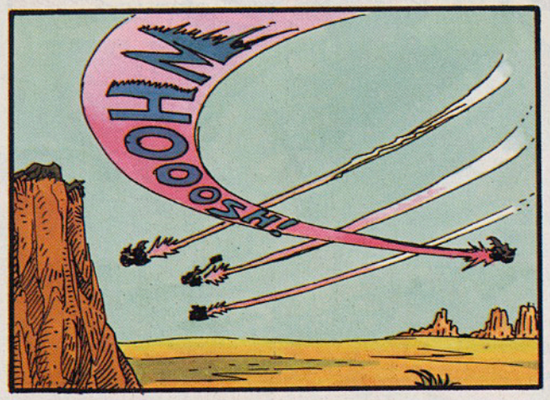

WHAT'S THE **HAUL**, PEPPY?
SLIM PICKINGS. SOME **FUEL PACKETS,** A CASE OF **HYPER-TWINKIES,** THREE **GRAVITY DUMPS** AND AN **ANDROID PIG** NAMED **HERBERT.**


EMPEROR ANDROSS WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE US **NOW.** THAT WAS HIS **FAVORITE** PIG.
SLIPPY, DELIVER THOSE HYPER-TWINKIES TO THE VILLAGERS **RIGHT AWAY.**
I'M **ON** IT, BOSS!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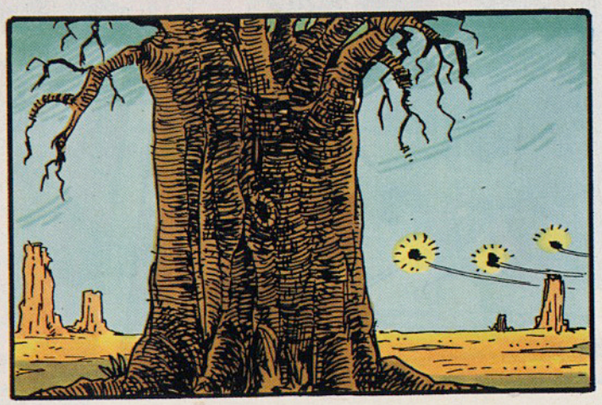
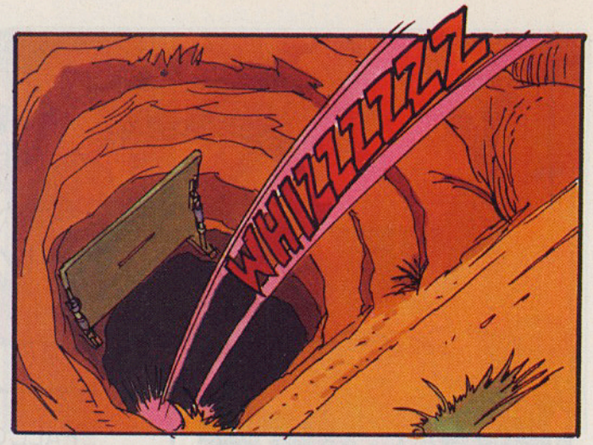
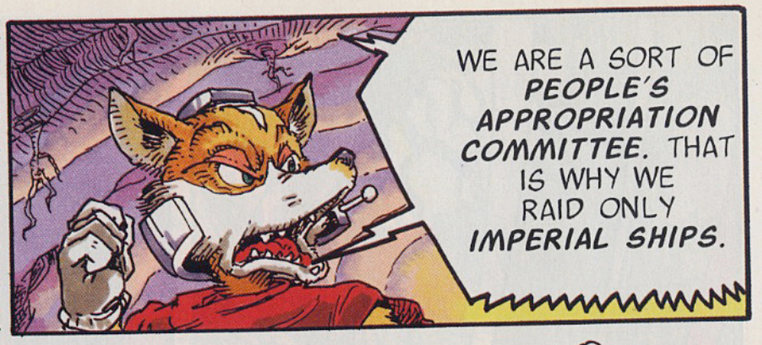


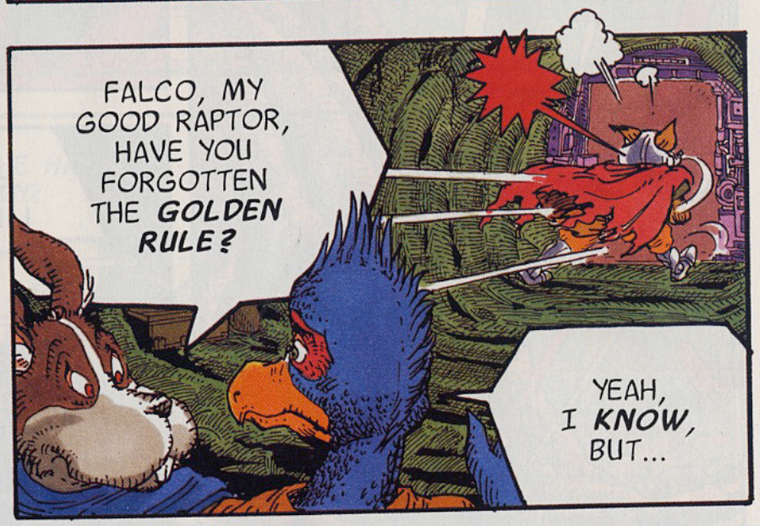

WHIZZZZZZZ

FOX, WE CAN'T GO **ON** LIKE THIS. NO ONE **EVER** GOT **RICH** RAIDING **IMPERIAL SCOWS.**

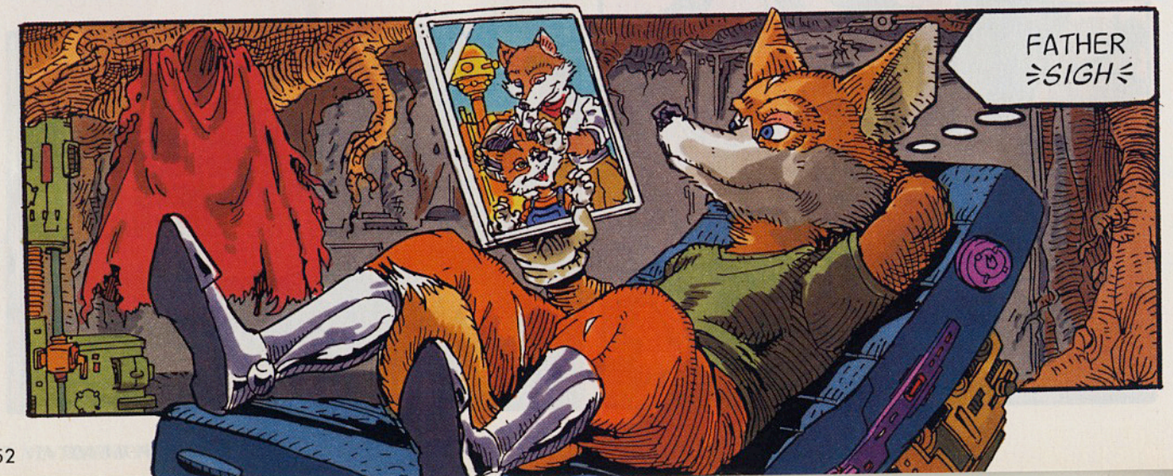
I SAY WE MOVE ON TO A **RICH PLANET** WITH LOTS OF FAT **COMMERCIAL FREIGHTERS** FOR THE **TAKING.**

FEATHERS-FOR-BRAINS! FOR THE LAST TIME, WE ARE NOT THIEVES.


WE ARE A SORT OF PEOPLE'S APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE. THAT IS WHY WE RAID ONLY IMPERIAL SHIPS.


FALCO, MY GOOD RAPTOR, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE GOLDEN RULE?
YEAH, I KNOW, BUT...

MAKE THE GUY WITH THE GOLD PAY! WE ARE LIKE ROBIN HOOD. FRIENDS OF THE POOR. HEROES OF DOWNTRODDEN ALIENS. SNAPPY DRESSERS.


FATHER
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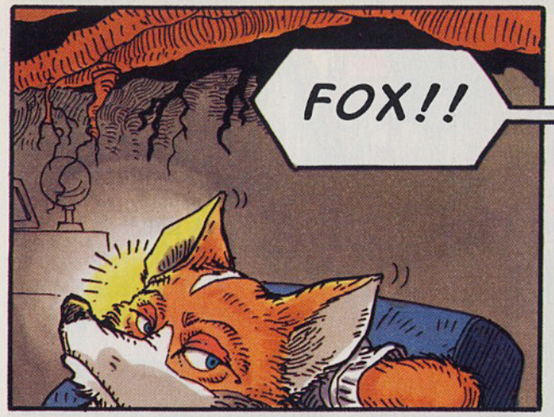
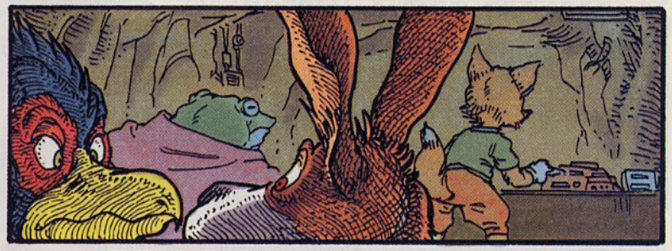
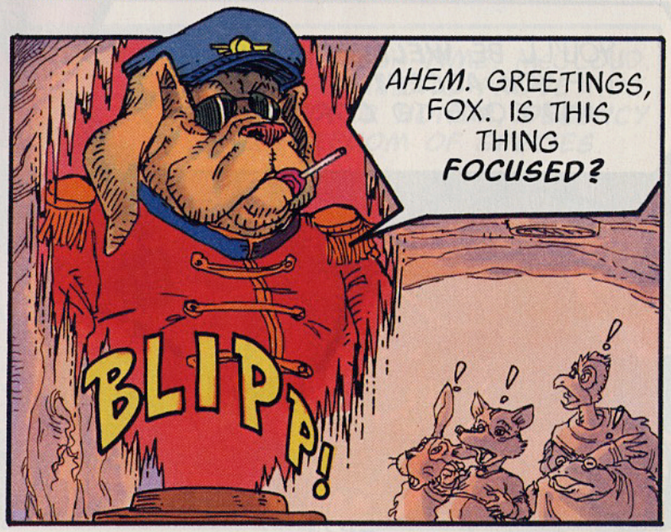

FOX!!

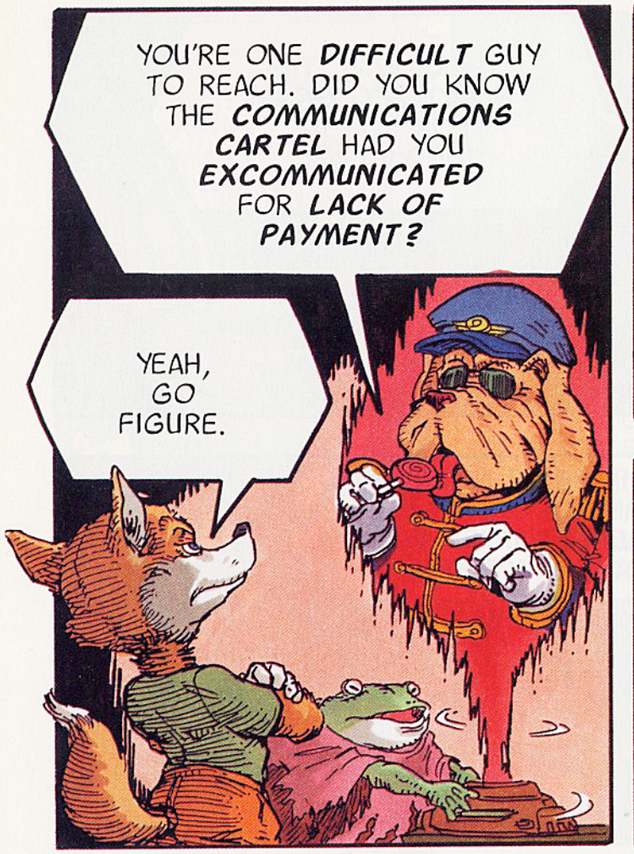
THERE WAS THIS HOLO-TELEGRAM FOR YOU AT THE VILLAGE.

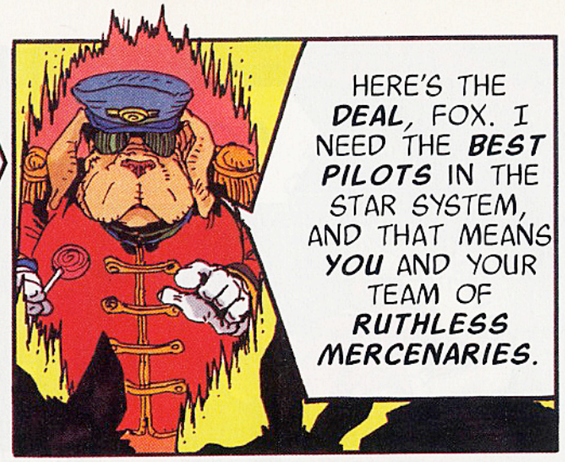
IT'S FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL PEPPER OF CORNERIA'S PLANETARY DEFENSE COUNCIL.
GENERAL PEPPER? HMM? I THOUGHT HE WAS ONLY A SERGEANT.

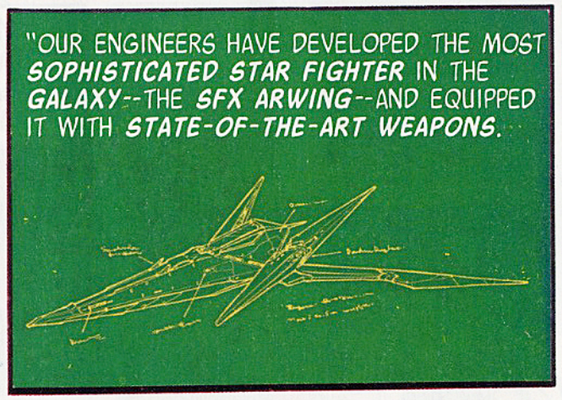
MAYBE HE NEEDS A BAND OF RUTHLESS MERCENARIES WHO KNOW NO FEAR.
YEAH, SURE.

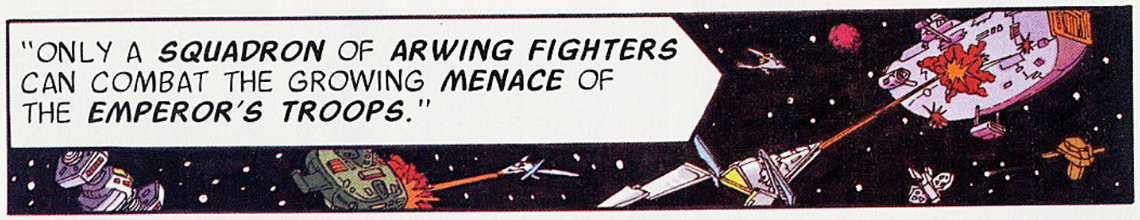



AHEM. GREETINGS, FOX. IS THIS THING FOCUSED?
BLIPP!

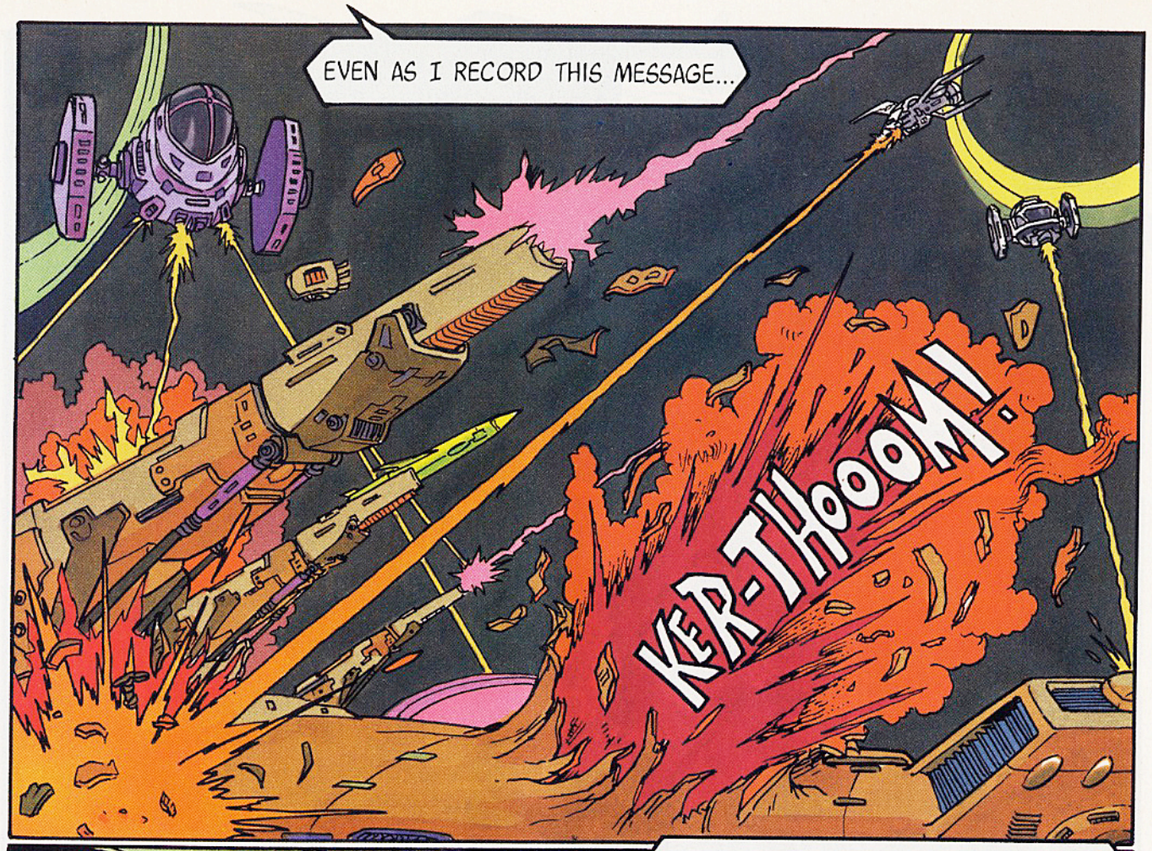

YOU'RE ONE DIFFICULT GUY TO REACH. DID YOU KNOW THE COMMUNICATIONS CARTEL HAD YOU EXCOMMUNICATED FOR LACK OF PAYMENT?
YEAH, GO FIGURE.


HERE'S THE DEAL, FOX. I NEED THE BEST PILOTS IN THE STAR SYSTEM, AND THAT MEANS YOU AND YOUR TEAM OF RUTHLESS MERCENARIES.

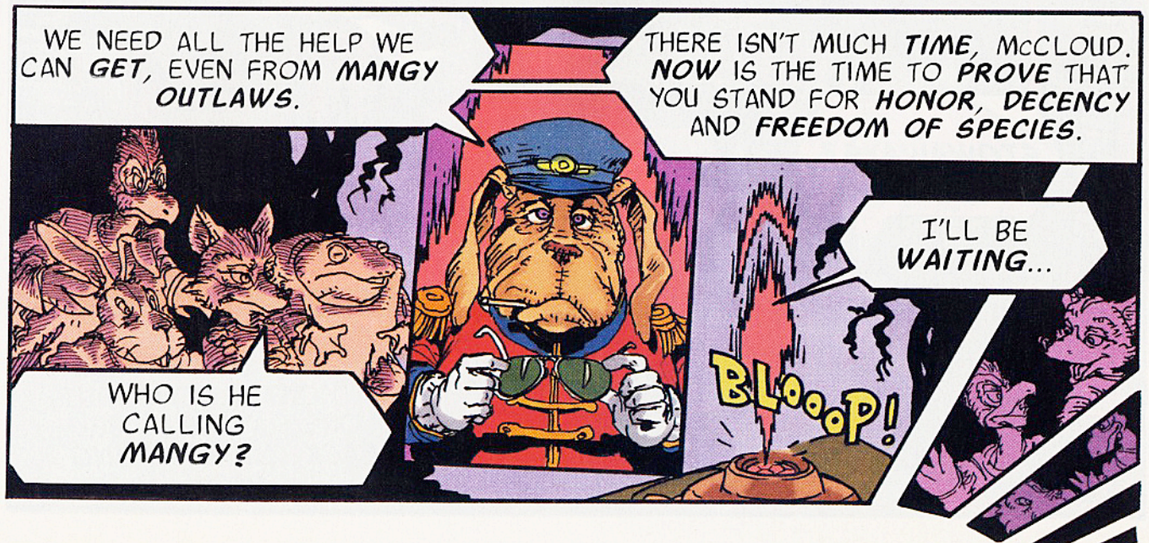

"OUR ENGINEERS HAVE DEVELOPED THE MOST SOPHISTICATED STAR FIGHTER IN THE GALAXY--THE SFX ARWING--AND EQUIPPED IT WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART WEAPONS.


"ONLY A SQUADRON OF ARWING FIGHTERS CAN COMBAT THE GROWING MENACE OF THE EMPEROR'S TROOPS."

YOU'LL BE WELL REWARDED IF YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER AND COME TO CORNERIA.


EVEN AS I RECORD THIS MESSAGE...
KER-THOOM!

"...OUR WORLD IS UNDER ATTACK BY IMPERIAL LIZARD TROOPERS."
GOTCHA!


WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET, EVEN FROM MANGY OUTLAWS.
WHO IS HE CALLING MANGY?
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME, McCLOUD. NOW IS THE TIME TO PROVE THAT YOU STAND FOR HONOR, DECENCY AND FREEDOM OF SPECIES.
I'LL BE WAITING...
BLOOOP!

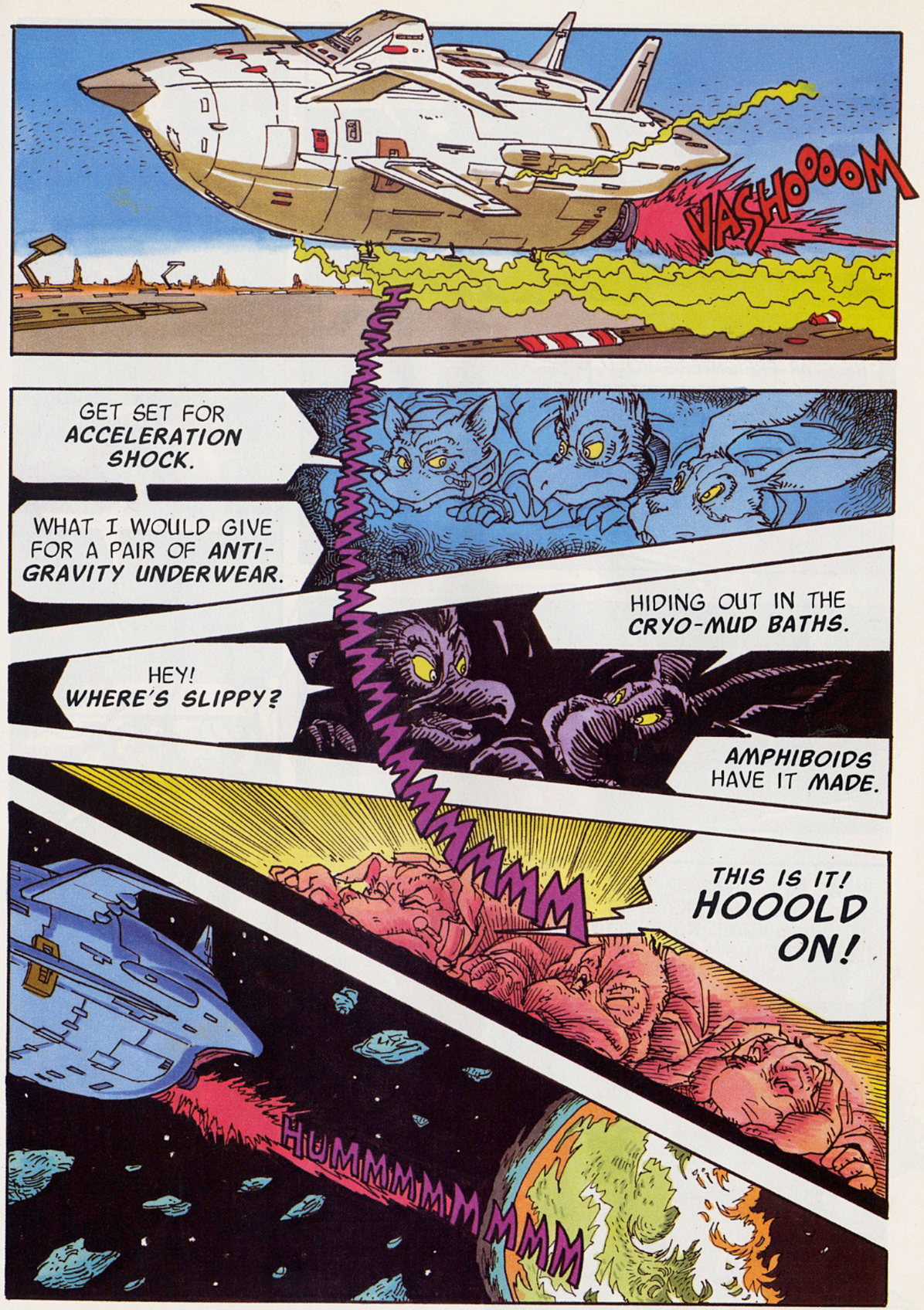
PAPETOON SPACEPORT

STOWAWAYS?

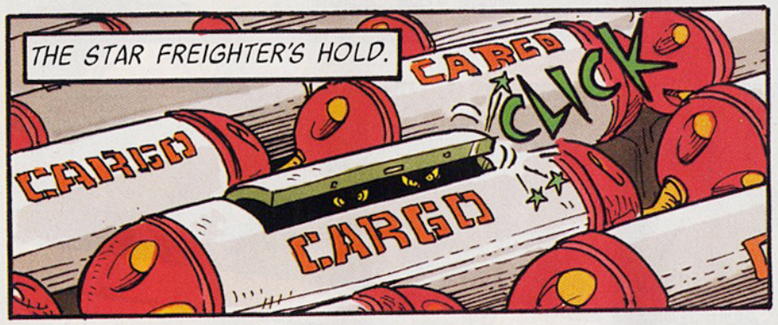
STOP GROUSING.

PEPPER SHOULD HAVE SENT STARLINER TICKETS, FIRST CLASS.

WE MAY BE LEAVING WITHOUT A CENT, BUT ONE DAY WE'LL BE BACK AND STINKING RICH.



WE CAN'T STAY IN THIS **SALT SHAKER** FOREVER. I'M TAKING A LOOK AROUND.
IMPATIENT LIKE YOUR DAD.


THE STAR FREIGHTER'S HOLD.
CARGO
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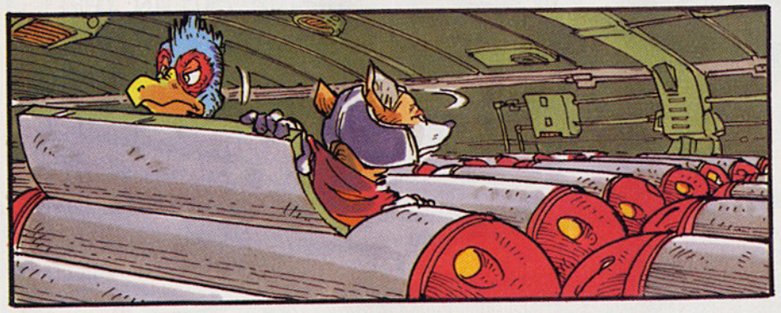
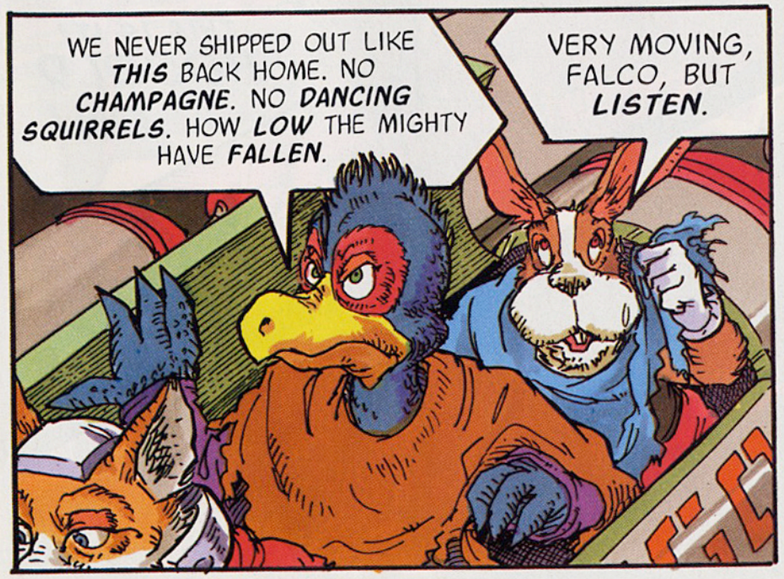
CARGO
CLICK



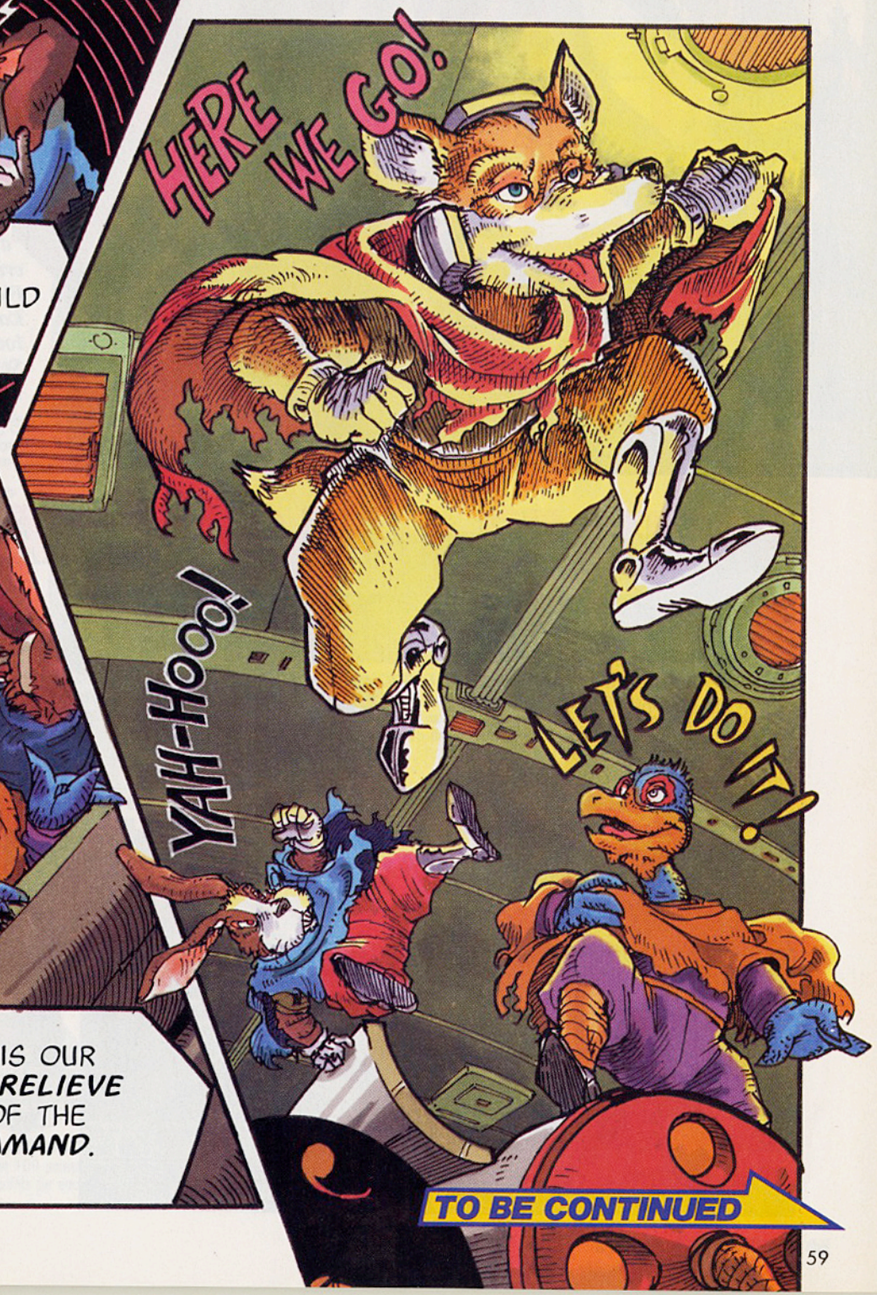

WE NEVER SHIPPED OUT LIKE **THIS** BACK HOME. NO **CHAMPAGNE**. NO **DANCING SQUIRRELS**. HOW **LOW** THE MIGHTY HAVE **FALLEN**.
VERY MOVING, FALCO, BUT **LISTEN**.

IT SOUNDS LIKE A **BATTLE** ONBOARD!

IMPERIAL LIZARDS!

ONLY A **SQUAD**, THOUGH. THIS SHOULD BE A **PICNIC**.

ARE **YOU** THINKING WHAT **I'M** THINKING?
I'M THINKING IT IS OUR **SACRED DUTY** TO **RELIEVE** THESE LIZARDS OF THE **BURDEN OF COMMAND**.


HERE WE GO!
YAH-HOO!
LET'S DO IT!
TO BE CONTINUED